

WIDOW OF CAPTAIN WILLIAM ROYALL, DECEASED.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 450.]

MAY 26, 1842.

Mr. FORNANCE, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

The Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Anne Royall, report:

That the committee have carefully examined the claim of the petitioner, who is the widow of Major William Royall, an officer in the army of the Revolution. This claim, with all the papers and evidence, has been before Congress for some years, and has been reported against several times. At the 26th Congress there was an adverse report; and at the 25th Congress, Mr. Bond, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, reported that "the evidence submitted to the committee fully establishes the alleged service of the said William Royall, and it is satisfactorily proved that the petitioner is his widow. The marriage of the parties, however, was not solemnized until the month of November, 1797, and consequently is not embraced within the provisions of the present pension laws, which do not include cases of marriage after 1794. The committee deem it inexpedient to extend the provisions of the laws thus referred to, and therefore report against the prayer of the petitioner."

Notwithstanding these adverse reports, the fact has ever been admitted that William Royall served as a captain in the revolutionary war, suffering many privations without compensation; that the petitioner was married to him previous to the year 1798, and that she is now his widow: and, as there are now many applications to extend the pension laws with reference to widows who married previous to 1798, as also to soldiers who served between the years 1783 and 1798, this committee, for the purpose of obtaining the opinion of the House, report a bill granting to Anne Royall a half-pay pension for ten years.

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